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CHINA PROVIDENT.

LOCAL COMPANY'S FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

TO-DAY'S SPECIAL MEETING.

Losses Put At About \$2,000,000.

Matters affecting one of the best known of local companies—the China Provident, Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd.—were the subject of some pointed comment at an extraordinary general meeting held this morning.

Losses sustained were put at an “outside figure” of \$2,000,000. A committee of investigation was appointed.

The resolutions which were on the agenda were passed but with some amendments:

The Consulting Committee present was as follows:—Mr. R. G. Shewan (chairman), the Very Rev. Father L. Robert, Messrs. T. G. Weall, H. P. White, J. H. Taggart and D. de Meester.

Others present were: Mr. W. F. L. Shenton (company's solicitor); Mr. D. L. King (secretary) and the following shareholders:—Messrs. J. F. Wright, M. G. Beale, A. Zimmerman, Chin Lum-fu, P. M. N. da Silva, J. M. Alves, P. Tester, Poop Li-fung, V. Sorby, J. S. Perry, J. Fleming, T. Wong, D. J. Lewis, C. B. Brown, A. L. Alves, Kelly Sayce, C. A. de Roza, J. T. Bagram, Chan Yuk-ku, Soo Pei-shao, W. J. Hawker, D. H. Cameron, A. H. Thompson, W. T. Stanton, G. Duley, L. Dunbar, A. P. Samy, W. Morley, Wong Kwek-ming, Ip Fook, D. W. Manton, Li Tse-fong, Lau Tak-cheung, J. W. Shewan, Tse Tsun-tai, B. C. Randall, Henry Humphreys, W. Allum, A. W. Thornhill, Choa Pua-min, E. Sadick, Chan Wing-foo, E. M. Raymond, V. M. Crawford, N. V. H. Croucher, D. Templeton, C. H. W. Kew, W. J. Carroll, A. A. Alves, D. J. Lopes, Choy Hon-fun, C. M. Heanley, S. Lopes and others.

On the chairman's instructions, the secretary read the convening notice. Mr. Shewan indicated that Mr. T. G. Weall would address the meeting and Mr. Weall then spoke as follows:—

The general managers have called this meeting at the request of your consulting committee, who have asked me to make a statement to you regarding what we consider to be the very unsatisfactory position of the company's financial affairs, to advise you of the steps already taken by the committee and to put before you certain proposals for the future.

In October last year certain facts came to our knowledge and we at once requested the general managers to call in Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews as independent accountants to carry out a thorough investigation and after a period of three months, the length of which period was partly necessitated by the position of the company's records, a report was presented to us. This report, in spite of the time of necessity taken in its preparation, is merely a preliminary statement; it does not in any way purport to give us a definite and complete analysis of the affairs of the company, but it nevertheless reveals such disquieting matters that we felt it was obviously necessary to lay before you at the earliest opportunity the information which it contained.

My statement, therefore, will not attempt to give you an exhaustive survey of the report, because I think you will agree with your committee when you have heard what I have to say that a complete investigation of the company's affairs will be necessary, and such complete investigation when made may in some cases amplify or limit the conclusions reached by the accountants in their preliminary report, but with your permission I will enumerate some of the principal items so far disclosed.

New Issue of Capital.—You will remember that by a special resolution passed on January 14, 1924 and confirmed on January 29, 1924 a new issue of capital was authorised, and 400,000 new shares created.

A specific date, March 15, 1924 was fixed for these shares to be taken up by shareholders whose registered address was within Hongkong, China or Japan. After that date the remainder of the company's standing, and I am afraid that a large portion of

EASY MONEY.

PRIVATE CAR DRIVER'S TEMPTATION.

COSTS \$50!

The practice of using private cars for public hire was described as a proper nuisance when Divisional Inspector Peter Grant charged a Chinese driver with the offence before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

According to facts stated in Court, a vigilant European Sergeant had observed the car, which belongs to one Lau Cho of No. 98, Bonham Strand East, running backwards and forwards with passengers at 3.30 this morning. Defendant was arrested in the act of striking a bargain with two passengers to take them to Stanley Street for \$1.

Defendant was given the option of a fine of \$50, or four weeks.

those sums will need to be written off entirely.

In addition to the matters which fall under the heads already mentioned there are many other transactions which require further investigation.

Loans have been made on various securities, for example, borrowings by Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., the accounts and valuations calculated to December 31, 1925 showing the firm to be indebted to the company in a sum of \$259,000—the security being partly shares and partly goods—with an estimated excess of indebtedness over security of \$77,000.

There is a total of roughly \$20,000 outstanding on promissory notes without any security whatsoever. And large sums are due to the company for storage charges in some cases going back nearly ten years. We cannot, of course, expect to recover all these at this late date.

Estimate of Losses:—Without going more fully into the position, the preliminary statements show that loans on shares and property are in excess of security to the extent of approximately \$1,750,000 but we sincerely hope that the full loss will not amount to this sum. In addition, there are the smaller items such as bad debts, unpaid interest, etc., allowance for which will have to be made and we place the losses to be met at an outside figure of \$2,000,000. This may mean a drastic adjustment of the issued capital or possibly re-organisation of the company.

As to this, it is impossible to form an opinion until a more complete investigation has been carried out.

At the present moment I am not prepared to suggest to what extent the officers of the company can be held liable for the losses incurred. It would be undesirable in your committee's opinion to do so until necessary investigations have been completed and all the facts known.

Proposals for Future:—The foregoing gives you as concisely as possible the present position of the company and I now propose to deal with the immediate future. I suggest that as it is impossible for a large body to deal with the situation, you be asked to nominate three representatives from your number to represent you and to co-operate with the members of the present consulting committee to continue the investigations and to report to you at a later date together with any recommendations they are able to make as to the future of the company.

To be of practical use, this committee should have your authority to employ such expert knowledge as they may deem necessary. They should also be empowered to engage temporarily or permanently such persons as they deem necessary either for purposes of this investigation or for the proper conduct of the company's business. In this connection the investigating accountants have called our attention to the necessity of having more assistants for the godown part of the business and your committee consider it most desirable to employ for a limited period a qualified accountant to assist in the completion of the investigation and to install an efficient and up-to-date system of accounting.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2.31/16.

ARMED ROBBERS.

BREAK UP A MAH JONG PARTY.

BROKER'S WIFE STABBED.

MANILA FLIGHT.

SPANISH AIRMAN REACHES TRIPOLI.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tripoli, April 7. The remaining Spanish airman has arrived here from Tunisia.

COMING TO HONGKONG.

The flight is being made in three Breguet aeroplanes to the Philippines, via North Africa, Cairo, Karachi, Calcutta and Cochin-China. The pilots are the three Spanish “aces,” Captains Gallarza, Estevez and Loriga. Each has one mechanic.

Private advices from Madrid to the “China Mail” yesterday indicate that the aviators will touch at Hongkong on their way to Manila.

TRUCK DEATH.

ACCIDENT AT KENNEDY TOWN.

A WOMAN VICTIM.

An accident attended with instantaneous death took place at Kennedy Town yesterday afternoon, the victim being a Chinese coolie woman living at Belcher Street.

A two-wheeled truck heavily laden with iron was being pulled along Catchick Street with a number of coolies leaning on ropes in front and others pushing behind. The rope on which a woman had placed her weight snapped and she was thrown down, but before she could get clear of the truck a wheel ran over her body, killing her on the spot.

NAUGHTY DOGGIE.

DISLIKES WATER AND BITES A.M.A.H.

NOW REPENTING.

A little forgetfulness on the part of a fox terrier owned by Mrs. S. L. Hidden, of Pratt Building, Kowloon, transferred the animal from its comfortable home to the seclusion of the dog camp at Kennedy Town yesterday.

The other injured party was an amah who was engaged in an act of cleanliness and was bitten in the hand. She received treatment at the Kowloon Dispensary.

MOTOR MISHAPS.

SEVERAL CASES OF INJURY.

A number of motor accidents occurred yesterday in which two European drivers of cars were involved, the mishaps being all in the thickly populated area of Queen's Road East.

In the case of Mr. R. E. Atwell, who ran into a Japanese on a push cycle, he estimates that \$50 damage was done to his car.

Mr. H. F. Stevenson, of the A.P.C., knocked down a man who received injuries to the head and had to be taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

In three separate incidents, in one of which Robert Young, a motor cyclist, was involved, small boys were injured, but they refused to go to hospital.

“TRICK” CYCLING.

A Chinese youth who did “trick” cycling with his hands off, the handle bar on a main thoroughfare was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with dangerous riding and two other counts.

The prosecution asking for deter-

rent punishment to mitigate the evil, the Magistrate imposed fines aggregating \$10.

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Chief Manager,
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The new Citroen works opened at Slough are designed for an output of 200 cars a day.

M. Citroen stated in his opening speech that when the new works are in full swing 5,000 British motor-car mechanics, fitters, labourers, and others will be employed.

How to Quot.

There are a number of points which may seem insignificant but must nevertheless be observed when trading with the Netherlands East Indies. To the Chinese or native, the pound sterling has little or no meaning, and rates of exchange are, for the majority, at any rate, a closed book. Quotations must be made in the Netherlands East Indies guilder or florin, which may be reckoned as worth 1s. 8d. at this date.

M. Andre Citroen has always been an admirer of British coachwork, which he has adapted in his French factories.

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

PACIFIC LINERS.

Shipping Board and the Seattle Boats
(Associated Press.)

Washington, March 31.

Senator Jones, Republican,

Washington, chairman of the senate

Commerce Committee, wrote to the

United States Shipping Board to

day that the practicable effect of

the terms of the bids for the dis-

posal of the Admiral-Oriental ships

sailing between Seattle and Manilla,

would be to destroy the line.

He said if the ships went to a certain

agency all the shipping under the

American flag across the Pacific

would be under one control.

SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES to let.

KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1926.

CLAIM AGAINST BANK.

Client Alleges Investment Advice
Cost Him \$28,000.

What is an optimist? The Lord

Chief Justice asked and answered

the question recently.

"I have always understood,"

said the Lord Chief Justice, "that an optimist is a peculiarly im-

provident person. In times of de-

pression he has no money what-

ever to spend, but when things are

going well with him, lavishly, though,

it must be reluctantly admitted,

with little wisdom. Quantity

SCHOOL'S PROGRESS.

GROWTH OF THE WAH YAN.

MR. HORNELL'S ADVICE.

The growth of the Wah Yan School since 1919 from a class of four to the number of 400 and with a branch in Kowloon was referred to at the prize distribution yesterday.

Mr. W. W. Horneil, C.B.E., Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hongkong, who presented the prizes, congratulated the school on its growth and remarked that eleven students had been sent to the University from the school.

It had been suggested, said Mr. Horneil, that a University education was not a proper preparation for life and that the graduates at universities always took things luxuriously and became snobbish.

If that was a fact, which he did not believe it to be, there was something wrong with the Universities and the students who went to them. If education meant anything it was meant as the Governor had said, to bring out the best of everything that was in us.

He would advise the students of the Wah Yan School to strive to do everything to perfection. As Chinese they were great inheritors of traditions and culture. They were all wanted to take their share in the modern education which was now being offered them and not to desert their traditional studies.

It was his great hope to make the University an institution where great importance would be attached to the study of the Chinese language. He himself had little knowledge of Chinese literature, but he had learned that Chinese always attached the greatest importance to manners, which reminded him of the famous motto, embazoned on the portals of two of the greatest institutions in England, that "Manners maketh man."

The better educated one was, the better one's manners would become, and that would make relationship with one's fellow men more stable.

In conclusion, Mr. Horneil congratulated the school and the staff for the good results of the year.

Head's Report.

The following report was then read by Mr. P. Tsui of the year's work of the school.

There were 341 meetings during the year. The highest number on roll was 480, and the average daily attendance, 374.

Special attention was paid to the teaching of English, Chinese, Mandarin, Mathematics and Physics. Scripture was taught in the higher classes, while the boys of the lower classes regularly attended religious instruction in the Roman Catholic Cathedral.

Weekly tests were given to every class throughout the school and the exercise books were carefully corrected. At the annual final examination, over 90 per cent. of the boys passed and were promoted.

Swedish drill was made compulsory throughout the School. Boys were encouraged to join the gymnastics and jujitsu class conducted by our very able physical instructor, Mr. A. J. Maurice.

The school was visited during the year by Dr. E. M. Minett, Medical Officer of Health of Schools, and by Mr. A. R. Sutherland, the acting Inspector of English Schools.

In her report, Dr. Minett said that the premises and the health of the pupils had been well cared for and was satisfactory.

In the report of the Inspector of Schools, he said that the building and equipment were good, and the discipline was very good. He also said that the staff was adequate; the written work, very good; dictation, satisfactory throughout; and the gymnastics, well taught by a capable instructor.

Local University Examinations: We have been very fortunate during the last three years in the results of the local University examinations.

In 1923, Chung Kue-uen, who obtained honours and distinction in English and Mandarin, was awarded a Government studentship.

In 1924, Ng Tat-ping, who also obtained honours and distinction in Chinese, was awarded a Government studentship and the King Edward VII scholarship.

In 1925, Chung Hok-nung, who distinguished himself in Physics, was awarded the Government Educational scholarship.

At the examination held in December, 1925, all the boys in classes 1 and 2 sat for the matriculation and junior local respectively. Out of 14 boys presented for the matriculation, 8 matriculated and one obtained the senior certificate. Chung Hok-nung obtained distinction in Physics and was awarded the Government Educational scholarship. Sung Shou-tin distinguished himself in Trigonometry; and Yung Kai-yin in History, which is one of the hardest subjects in which to obtain distinction.

Of the 17 junior boys presented for the examination, 11 passed. Wong Tao-fan, obtained distinction in Arithmetic; Hin Seung-yick in

Mathematics; and Woon Ten-fook in English.

At present 11 of our graduates are studying in the Hongkong University. We have no doubt that the number will keep on increasing every year.

Staff: At the beginning of the year, the staff consisted of 20 teachers. When the "strike" came, they were all paid off. At the reopening of the school in September, owing to the greatly reduced number of pupils, only 14 of them were re-engaged.

At the end of the year, owing to the growth of the branch school in Kowloon, which requires a great deal of time for management, the verdict delivered by Mr. Palmer at the Ring, London, when the surprise of ninety-nine per cent. of the spectators he ruled that Johnny Sullivan, of Covent Garden, had beaten Len Harvey, of Plymouth, after a contest of 20 rounds.

Since the beginning of the current year, Messrs. Lau San-fu, B.Sc., Lo Sek-ten, B.Sc., Wong Tuen-po, and Hung Lun-shu, all of whom are experienced teachers, have joined the staff.

Branch: Our branch school in Kowloon is getting on quite satisfactorily. There were 140 boys on the roll in June last, and now there are 174. The Headmaster is Mr. Wai Chung-yue, who is assisted by a staff of five other teachers.

Playground & Laboratory: We feel the want of a playground very badly; and our boys are greatly handicapped in their physical training. Adjoining the school building there is a vacant plot on which we hope to be able to put up a building to relieve the present congested condition of the rooms on the ground floor, which we wish to turn into a playground for the boys. In this proposed building we intend to fit up a laboratory for the teaching of physics, so that our boys may not be obliged to attend the Technical Institute where they have to go at present for the practical part of their lessons.

To realize our hope we need outside help. We are contemplating an appeal to the public for subscription, but we fear the present is not the proper time to do so. When conditions in the Colony are better, we trust that with the help and assistance of the Hongkong Government, which is ever ready to promote education, of the Catholic Mission, which has always given us encouragement and support, and of the generous public, who have never failed to help a good cause, we shall see our long-cherished dream materialise.

Before closing my report, I should like to thank the staff for their willing co-operation during the year, and Mr. Horneil for his kindness in consenting to distribute the prizes.

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BOXING.

A FIGHTER'S RIGHT TO APPEAL.

SHOULD IT BE GRANTED?

Should a boxer, after he has been adjudged the loser of a contest that he appears to have won by a big margin of points, be given the right to appeal against the decision?

This important and, so far as Great Britain is concerned, new question arises as the result of the verdict delivered by Mr. J. Palmer at the Ring, London, when the surprise of ninety-nine per cent. of the spectators he ruled that Johnny Sullivan, of Covent Garden, had beaten Len Harvey, of Plymouth, after a contest of 20 rounds.

The fight, in almost everyone's view, was one-sided, because Harvey was faster, cleverer, and a much better boxer than his opponent, and also because it was assumed by practically every person in the building, that he had won almost every round.

Not for a long time had there been such a clear-cut victory as that given to Harvey when the referee indicated Sullivan as the winner, writes Trevor C. Wignall in the "Daily Mail." The latter, as though equally astonished, stood still for a moment and then displayed his pleasure by leaping high in the air and capering about the ring.

So certain were the betting element that Harvey had won or points that around me bets of 5 to 1 against Sullivan were freely offered. The verdict was received with a hurricane of incredulity and fury that for a time turned the hall into a Bedlam of shriek and howls and imprecations.

Rules Want Altering.

According to our present laws, referees' decisions must be accepted if chaos is to be avoided. But I think a case has now been made out for a revision of the rules. When a mistake is made—and I feel certain that Mr. Palmer was wrong in giving the victory to Sullivan—the defeated boxer should be permitted to appeal to the Board of Control. It seems to me that this is the only fair way out of a difficulty that is constantly arising; a difficulty, too, that is almost solely responsible for the upsets and scenes that are so often occurring.

The evidence that a boxer should be allowed to call on his own behalf might well be left to his discretion. He would not, of course, ask ordinary spectators to come forward as witnesses—that would merely give rise to the suspicion that the prejudiced had been selected—but there is no reason at all why he could not ask the promoter, the timekeeper, and others of similar standing to appear at the appeal.

In addition, he might be given the right to put in Press reports, or, if he so desired, request a certain number of journalists present at the contest either to prepare statements or else attend the meeting.

Harvey's case stands out because the circumstances were unusual. He was unbroken until this fight, but, apart from that the financial side of the matter affected him very materially. The purse was \$550, of which the winner took the major portion, while there were also side-stakes of \$100. From this point of view alone it will probably be generally agreed that it is not proper that a boxer should be made to suffer when a referee's verdict is not only combated by himself, but by almost every onlooker. The right to appeal, therefore, should be instituted at once.

Who Should Decide?

There is, so far as I know, no definite American rule that covers the point, but I believe it is possible for a boxer to appeal to the New York State Athletic Commission. While on this subject there is one other suggestion I would like to make. It is that the custom of leaving the verdict solely to the referee should forthwith be abandoned. No man is infallible, and I am now more than ever in favour of competent judges. In the United States the referee is never asked for an opinion unless there is the necessity for a casting vote.

That is also the system at the National Sporting Club and at most other places throughout Europe. In France, however, the referee is merely a ringmaster. In every fight in Paris, for example, there are three judges, the consequence being that the referee has no more to do with the decision than one of the seconds.

It is unfortunate that the British Board of Control is doing so little with the occurrences that are constantly arising. I am altogether with those who think that the present body should be scrapped and another with more energy appointed.

If the board, as now constituted,

SHANSI IN.

"MODEL GOVERNOR" JOINS THE FRAY.

POSITION OF PEKING.

Mukden, March 23.

A telegram received from General Yen Hsi-shan, Tuan-pao of Shansi, dated March 19, states: After leaving Shieh-chia-chang by two routes for the south our troops have now occupied Yuan Shih, Kao Yi, Nei Kiu, Sha Ho, She Hsien and Jen Hsien. We have taken 10,000 prisoners and the district is cleared of the enemy. Arrangements have been made with the Suyuan Railway as requested.—Reuters.

[Yen Hsi-shan is the so-called "Model Governor" of Shansi. For about five years he remained strictly neutral in the political turmoil but recently threw in his lot with the Kuomintung. Now, however, he has joined Wu Pei-fu and is attacking the Kuomintung.]

Tientsin, March 30.

Rumour has it that Generals Yen Hsi-shan, Tang Chih-yao and Fang Chen-wu, on the plea of an armed mediation, have jointly called on the 1st Kuomintung Army immediately to evacuate Peking, with a view to the establishing of a new power in the capital and for the support of the Chief Executive, Marshal Tuan.—Eastern N. A.

Extinction of Kuomintung.

Mukden, March 30.

Advices from Peking state that the troops of the 1st Kuomintung Army, which had been stationed within the walls there, completed their withdrawal to-day and that those of the 1st Kuomintung Army in the first line of battle also began to withdraw.—Eastern N. A.

Failure to fasten the rope securely round his waist was said at an inquest yesterday on an earth coolie to have been the cause of his fall from a Government quarry.

The coolie was working at the quarry at North Point and was barring a rock which had been loosened by blasting the previous day. A witness stated that the safety rope was wound round the man's arm instead of being attached to his waist so that when the rock moved he went down with it.

A European supervisor at the quarry said that instructions were given to the coolies working there that the safety ropes must be fastened to the waist.

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QUARRY FATALITY.

COOLIE CRASHES TO DEATH.

A LOOSE ROCK.

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Failure of Peace Move.

Peking, March 30.

It is evident that the announcement recently made by the Kuomintung leaders, that they would stick to Peking to the bitter end, is being modified, and their preparations for withdrawal are gradually taking shape.

The peace movement on the part of Marshal Wang Shih-chen and other veteran statesmen apparently has failed, for General Li Ching-chang's forces are still pressing on Peking.

It appears that a final battle between the allied troops and the Kuomintung forces is inevitable.

Perceiving this, the Kuomintung leaders are therefore striving to get the good offices of the Diplomatic Body in arranging terms with their opponents.—Eastern N. A.

The "Old" and "Young" Generals.

Tientsin, March 30.

Marshal Chang Tao-lin to-day left Chinwangtso for Mukden, while General Chang Hsueh-liang, Chang Chung-chang and Li Ching-han have returned here from Chinwangtso.—Eastern N. A.

Tientsin, March 31.

General Chang Hsueh-liang (son of Chang Tao-lin), who left Tongshan at nine last night for Tientsin, accompanied by General Chang Chung-chang and Li Ching-han, arrived here at midnight.—Reuters.

PASSENGERS DEPARTED.

The following is a list of European passengers which sailed per s.s. "Arafura" yesterday for Australia.—Miss J. Foster, Mr. F. Grimwade, Capt. and Mrs. R. E. Blayney, Miss R. E. M. Knuckey, Lieut. A. K. Baxendall, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ingaham, Miss Bloom, Mr. J. F. Kennedy, Mr. S. E. Joseph, Miss A. Haltirolina, Mr. Theodore Lewis, Miss C. Moerk, and Dr. K. W. McBurnie.

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MUSSOLINI SHOT.

ECCENTRIC LADY'S RASH ACT.

INCENSED CROWD.

Premier's Very Narrow Escape.

(Reuter's Service.)

Rome, April 7.

Whilst Signor Mussolini was leaving the International Congress of Surgery an unknown elderly woman shot him with a revolver at almost point blank range, wounding him slightly in the nose.

Signor Mussolini, who was very calm, immediately gave directions with a view to preventing a disturbance.

The woman, with the greatest difficulty, was rescued from the incensed crowd and taken to prison.

Celebrating Escape.

Rome, later.

Flags are flying all over the city in celebration of the Premier's escape.

An enormous throng was stationed in front of Signor Mussolini's residence. Two registers at the porter's lodge were completely filled with signatures of well-wishers, including members of the Diplomatic Corps.

Signor Mussolini telegraphed to the Majesty the King informing His Majesty of the attempted assassination and reassuring him as regards his health.

The Duke of Aosta and the Attorney-General were among the Premier's visitors.

Identity of Assailant.

Signor Mussolini's assailant gave her name as Violet Albina Gibbon, 50 years of age, and a British subject.

A Known Eccentric.

London, April 7.

In connection with the attack on Signor Mussolini, Reuter is informed by a member of Lord

least to a large part of it, tired and depressed by the weakness and instability of short-lived Italian Governments.

"Italy seems to be in the mood to worship a strong man without inquiring too closely into the sources of his strength or even knowing very clearly how he intends to use it. If, that is what she wants, Signor Mussolini fills the bill with a somewhat alarming thoroughness. His speech to the Chamber carried audacity to the point of insolence, and the more firmly he trampled upon the right of that assembly the more thunderous grew the applause. He explained that his consulting it at all was a matter of form; that, though there were but a handful of Fascist deputies, he had 300,000 fully armed men outside; that so long as the Chamber did as he commanded he would be graciously pleased to pursue the forms of Parliamentary procedure, but that if need be he would dispense with its services. There was much more in the same strain, and if the Italians approve of the strange rôle assigned to their elected representatives there is not much more to be said by other people."

"But it is not a little disturbing to find autocracy again established in a European State, and Signor Mussolini's references to foreign relations, though tuned to a different key must be read in the light of his dictatorial domestic policy. In parts his attitude on foreign affairs is definitely liberal, as in his desire to make a final settlement with Russia, his willingness to revise treaties after demonstration of their proved absurdities, and in his commercial policy. But it contains also most conspicuously an element of fierce Nationalism which may be easily provoked. Italy is to play second fiddle to none; if her friendship is valued it must be paid for; she will play for her own hand and eschew an insensate altruism. This is a frame of mind which, though not peculiar to Signor Mussolini, is always dangerous in one who has seized and still holds despotic power."

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(British Wireless Service.)

Rome, April 7.

The listeners to the programme emitted last night by the British Broadcasting Company had an interesting little surprise. The dance music played in an hotel in Schenectady, New York, was relayed by the London station, and was distinctly heard.

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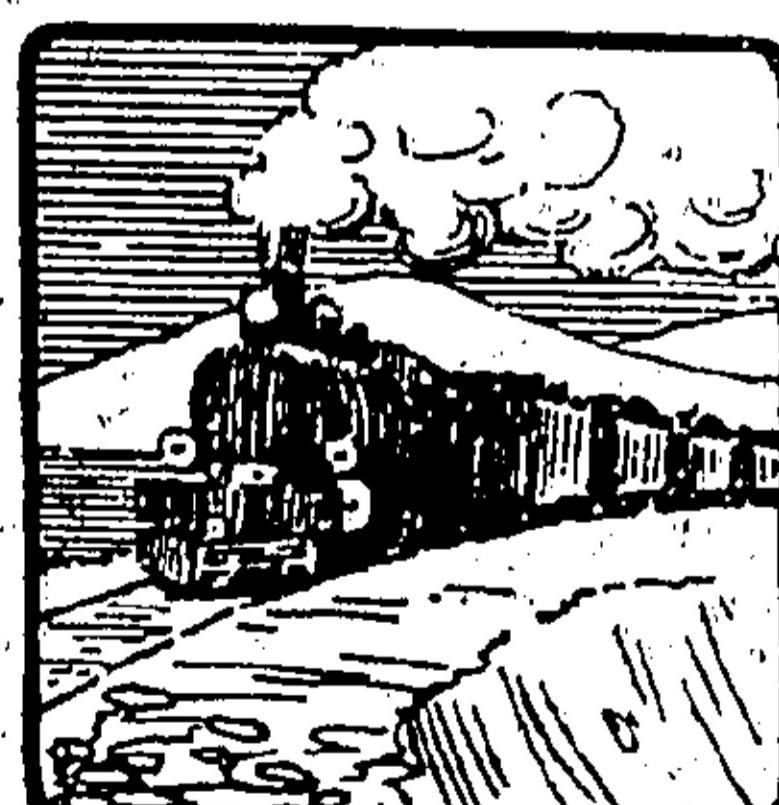
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FITZGERALD.—On March 19, 1926, at the General Hospital, Singapore, to Leonora, wife of H. D. FitzGerald, B. A. I. (Dublin), A.M.I.C.E., of the F.M.S. Railways, Pahang, a daughter.

HOLLAND.—On March 30, 1926, at Batu Cahay, to Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Holland, Kuala Pilah, a son.

THOMSEN.—On March 30, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. H. Thomsen, Ulu Sawah Estate, a daughter.

Hongkong, Thursday, April 8, 1926.

TO PREVENT RABIES.

On Friday the muzzling order comes into force with a view to preventing the spread of rabies and the risks of hydrophobia. Since the first cases of both diseases became known there has naturally been a little anxiety on the part of owners of dogs for the safety of their pets. As there are, however, many more dogless persons than there are owners of dogs the discussion on the merits and demerits of the shooting of straying dogs has been rather one-sided. A dog cannot exactly be classed as a necessity. Even the faithful watch dog can be doped by potential thieves.

In the anxiety of owners of dogs to protect their animals from a sudden end there has perhaps been a tendency to ignore the other side of the picture—the grave risk to the inhabitants of being bitten by a rabies-infected animal and contracting hydrophobia. The general community has a right to demand the fullest form of protection possible, even if it were deemed necessary to shoot every dog in the Colony. Such a drastic step, of course, need not be anticipated. But it would be a thousand times better than running the risk of an epidemic of hydrophobia!

If the inoculation of dogs against rabies can be claimed to be successful, then it is surely the duty of the owners of dogs to ensure that this is done with the

Ordinance is introduced compelling our wealthy ones to leave a portion of the things they have acquired so readily in this place, the nucleus will be provided for a stately building to house books and specimens, and to pay for the services of a Librarian and Curator. Then we shall have that Aquarium occasionally mentioned, and an endowment big enough to cover the deficit on maintaining a city band. And when holidays come along, these buildings will not be closed, but will be open to those who may have "nowhere to go"—or what perhaps is more true now is the wherewithal to go further afield. The band will discourse the "sweet sounds" which are capable of instilling a sense of brightness. All these are simple matters. The absence of them would seem to denote an absence of the communal spirit. What should be everybody's business is on no-one's; and we grope along, when a little leadership and more public-spirit would drag Hongkong from the spirit of the little village in which it has lain for so long.

WEDDING BELLS.

YESTERDAY'S CATHEDRAL
CEREMONY.

LOWCOCK-KOTEWALL.

A pretty wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral yesterday, when the contracting parties were Mr. Henry Lowcock, son of Mr. G. Lowcock of No. 15, Babington Place, and Miss Mabel Kotewall, daughter of Mr. S. Kotewall, of No. 57, Conduit Road.

The Rev. G. R. Lindsay and the Rev. T. E. Powell officiated.

The bride was given away by the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, was charmingly attired in a dress of white crepe appliquéd with a wide circular flounce of silver lace. The beautiful train was made of the same material, and was also appliquéd with silver lace. Her veil of tulle was finished off with a diadem of pearls and orange blossoms, and she carried a shower bouquet of white roses and violets.

Miss Mabel Kotewall, the little flower girl, led the way strewing flowers in the bride's path. Her dress was made of very fine shadow lace, finished off with dainty hand-made flowers. Her hair was similarly trimmed.

Miss Bobby Kotewall, as page boy in the style of Louis XIV, wore a costume of white roman satin, lined with silver tissue.

Miss Phoebe Kotewall, the maid of honour, was dressed in white georgette, trimmed with silver and pale blue embroidery. Her bandeau and bouquet were made of forget-me-nots.

Misses Doris and Helen Kotewall, the bridesmaids, were dressed in pale pink satin, trimmed with bands of silver. They also wore bandeaus to match the dresses, of silver and pink tissue, and carried bouquets of pale pink roses and sweet peas.

Mr. George Zimmern was best man.

Following the ceremony a reception, attended by numerous friends, was held at 57, Conduit Road.

The honeymoon is being spent in Shanghai. The bride's going away dress was of silver grey marocain lined with pale pink charmeuse. She wore a grey hat to match the dress.

HONGKONG BRIGHTER.

MR. T. F. CUTHERBERTSON'S SUDDEN DEATH.

IN A RICSHA.

Following a sudden seizure while riding over Cavenagh Bridge in a ricksha on March 24, Mr. T. F. Cuthbertson died in the General Hospital, Singapore, on the following day from the effects of cerebral hemorrhage. Mr. Cuthbertson, who first came to Singapore in the employ of Sir John Jackson, Ltd., the contractors, eighteen years ago, only returned to Singapore from England a few weeks ago. He spent several years of his life out here, planting in various parts of the country, but more recently had acted as clerk of works in connection with several public contractors. The Coroner commenced an investigation into the circumstances of Mr. Cuthbertson's death, the enquiry being adjourned.—"Singapore Free Press."

FOR HUMANITY.

ROCKEFELLER REVISES OFFER
TO EGYPT.

HINTED WITHDRAWAL.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, April 7.

The Press publishes a statement by Mr. John D. Rockefeller, jun., that he has authorised his representative in Egypt to withdraw his offer of \$10,000,000 for an Archaeological Institute, if necessary, in order to end the controversy among the Egyptians as to whether it is acceptable.

Meanwhile a revised offer, based on the suggestions of Ziwari Pasha, is being forwarded to Egypt.

STORY OF THE OFFER.

A New York message of February 15 stated:



OIL BLAZE.

FOUR MILLION BARRELS ON FIRE.

FIFTY TANKS MENACED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

San Luis Obispo (Cal.), April 7.

The largest fire in the history of the oil industry here has involved four tanks belonging to the Union Oil Company and containing nearly four million barrels of oil.

A lightning explosion broke hundreds of windows and shook the whole city.

Hundreds of men are frantically constructing dykes to prevent the flames spreading to fifty smaller tanks in the near vicinity.

IN A STORM.

TEN FISHING BOATS CAPSIZE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, April 7.

According to despatches from Hokkaido, ten fishing boats after a hard fight against a storm capsized off Muroran yesterday, resulting in more than 80 people being missing.

The local Reservists and police are carrying out a search for bodies.

BELGIAN FLIGHT.

MEDITERRANEAN WIND, HAIL AND FOG.

(Reuter's Service.)

Brussels, April 7.

The Belgian airmen who have arrived at Athens from Cairo took 9½ hours to cross the Mediterranean. High wind, hail and fog conditions over Crete were so bad that they had to make a detour.

theory of giving from one of the world's greatest fortunes was that of producing the greatest direct benefit to mankind. He has now added to this theory the aim of widening the boundary of human knowledge.

This fact has become known through a premature announcement of the gift by Prof. James H. Breasted of the University of Chicago, who at present is in Egypt and who will be chairman of the trustees of the new museum.

It was on this understanding, it is said, that he made his recent gifts of \$20,000 to finance a flight to the North Pole. This was his first gift either to aviation or polar research.

It is the opinion of archaeologists that, notwithstanding many museums are filled with Egyptian art, only a small portion of that country's story has been told and that the Rockefeller gift will, if it is accepted, go a long way toward bringing to light further marvels.

Professor Breasted.

Professor Breasted is noted as an Egyptologist. He had an active part in the excavations at Luxor and previously successfully explored Egyptian tombs. Recently he began the exploration of the square mile constituting Armageddon. It is reported that Mr. Rockefeller is financing this work, on which active operations will begin shortly.

In making his premature announcement in Cairo, Professor Breasted said the offering of the great sum to King Fuad by Mr. Rockefeller was because Mr. Rockefeller realised that the whole world, especially the New World of the West, owes Egypt a cultural debt.



If King Fuad accepts certain conditions for the gift which Mr. Rockefeller desires to impose. The King is said to have been unable to acquiesce in these, because of the insistence on the part of Egyptian Nationalists that control be vested in the Egyptian Government.

Mr. Rockefeller, it is asserted, desires an American directorate. The announcement that Professor Breasted's statement was premature was made by a representative of Mr. Rockefeller in New York.

The negotiations have been in progress since last fall. The proposed museum would house the treasures which have been found in Egypt, including those taken from the tomb of Tut-anh-Amen at Luxor and other places in the land of the Pharaohs. One of Mr. Rockefeller's negotiators with King Fuad is now on his way in the United States with a message from the King which possibly may be an acceptance of the gift.

Never Been in Egypt.

Mr. Rockefeller has never been in Egypt, but in recent years he has been interested in the excavation of that country. He is said to have followed with avidity the excavation of the tomb of Tut-anh-Amen and to have recognized, because of the public interest on the subject, a new educational value in archaeology. During the past five or six years he has made large gifts for archaeological research in Greece, Egypt, Palestine and other places on the Mediterranean.

Mr. Rockefeller's wife is an enthusiast on Egyptian art objects and is said to be an expert on styles and periods of Egyptian workmanship. Some of her Egyptian bronzes were recently given by the Metropolitan Museum of Art here in demonstrating a new project for restoring Egyptian bronzes.

Formerly Mr. Rockefeller's

He added that in offering to establish a research institute in conjunction with the new and imposing museum, Mr. Rockefeller felt that facilities would be afforded to scholars to obtain fuller knowledge of the history of civilisation and to all Egyptians desiring to receive the best training as historians.

Prof. J. H. Breasted.

ALCOHOL DIVERSION.

ITS STAGGERING BOOTLEG VALUE.

DRUG STORES GAIN.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, April 7.

Interest is unabated in the Prohibition enquiry.

The chief witness to-day was Mr. E. R. Buckner, Federal Attorney, New York, who has been considerably in the limelight recently owing to the series of spectacular liquor raids which he organised on numerous hotels and fashionable restaurants.



Mr. Buckner said that the chief difficulty in enforcing Prohibition lay in alcohol diversion, which amounted to \$60,000,000 annually and which when manufactured into so-called whiskey, reached the staggering bootleg value of \$6 billion dollars.

He justified that drug stores were the chief centres of diversified alcohol. Those in New York City alone were drawing off 48,000,000 gallons annually—a total which was far in excess of the amount which doctors can legally prescribe.

He concluded by stating that only sixteen agents were available to inspect drug stores and doctors' prescriptions.

CONVALESCENT.

PRINCE OF WALES AT SANDWICH.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, April 7.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, acting upon the advice of his doctors, left London to-day to spend the first stage of his convalescence at Sandwich, where he has taken a house for a short period.

PRINCESS VICTORIA.

Progressing satisfactorily.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 7.

The latest bulletin in regard to H.R.H. Princess Victoria states that she progressed satisfactorily during the day.

MILITARY TRAINING.

MANOEUVRES ON SALISBURY PLAIN.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, April 7.

In this year's military training on Salisbury Plain special importance will be attached to the manoeuvres, which will be devoted entirely to the employment of mechanised units.

It is desired to test thoroughly how far horse transport can be dispensed with, and to discover what is the best type of heavy mechanical transport for general use.

It was recently explained by the Secretary of State for War that the required type of mechanical transport must be suitable both from the military and from commercial viewpoints, so that it could be manufactured in large numbers and cheaply.

Designers are already at work on various types of transport, and those will undergo searching trials when built.

BELGIAN FRANCS.

REMARKABLE RECOVERY IN LONDON.

DEBT SETTLEMENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 7.

There has been a remarkable improvement in Belgian francs in London, which opened at 130% and closed at 124%.

This is a sequel to the Belgian Minister of Finance, M. Janssen, visiting the Treasury, as a result of which all the exterior debts of Belgium and the Belgian Congo to Great Britain have been definitely settled.

CHINA PROVIDENT.

(Continued from Page 1.)

I would like to give you a few words of encouragement before I sit down. Your company has excellent property at West Point and an excellent godown business, which, if properly managed, could, I feel sure, give shareholders an adequate return on their investment and I therefore ask you to give the committee your wholehearted co-operation to the end that we may once more put the company on a sound and paying basis. It will be necessary to ask you to exercise patience and to attend shareholders' meetings which may have to be numerous in order to keep you fully posted as to progress made and I therefore ask you all to take a live interest in the affairs of the company.

I will now read you the proposals on the agenda after which Mr. Shewan will, I believe, address the meeting. Then each resolution will be proposed in turn and when they have been seconded, will be open for your consideration before asking you to vote.

Mr. Shewan then said:—

Gentlemen,—You have heard the statement made by Mr. Weall on behalf of the consulting committee arising out of the investigation they have already carried out based on the information we have supplied them with up-to-date, and as you will appreciate from that statement, only a preliminary investigation has taken place up to the present. We trust that a complete and thorough inquiry and investigation will show a substantially brighter position than is at present indicated by Mr. Weall's statement.

The general managers desire it to be clearly understood that they welcome the appointment of a special investigating committee, and are only too pleased to place all materials they may require at their disposal, and to give them all information they may desire.

I will now deal with some of the points raised in Mr. Weall's statement.

New Issue of Capital: The general managers always considered that it was their duty to assist shareholders in taking up their shares and were always willing to extend the time if a reasonable excuse were given. They did not consider that they should have endeavoured to make money out of some shareholders for the benefit of other shareholders.

I do not understand the reference to issuing shares to certain shareholders. No shares were issued except to those who were entitled to them.

I know no reason why interest was not charged, but this matter can be gone into by the committee appointed.

I do not think that there was any such loss as \$100,000 in the allotment of these shares. One large shareholder was given a rather longer extension than usual, as he could not get the money without communicating with his wife in England, but this did not occasion any loss at all to the company, as if the general managers had refused to give him this extension, he would simply have sold his rights to the new shares at a profit to himself, and this remark applies to all other shareholders, and the company would not have made the \$100,000 in any case. As a matter of fact the company now hold the shares which formerly stood in the name of that shareholder, as he failed to pay the final call.

I cannot see that there was any failure in duty in this case by the general managers.

I do not understand the statement that the committee and shareholders were led to believe that the whole of the 400,000 shares had in fact been taken up, as the printed statement of account dated April 18, 1925, shows that there were 396,247 shares on which \$2.50 had been paid.

At the meeting of April 30, 1924, the chairman did not intend to lead shareholders to believe that the million dollars cash had already been received, but that the company's resources had been strengthened by the increase of capital to that extent as it subsequently for all practical purposes was.

Mortgages: This was a matter for the discretion of the general managers, and they followed the advice of the company's manager, the late Mr. Taylor, who had had many years' experience of property dealings in this Colony.

It will be realised that to get a high rate of interest the margin must be small.

With regard to Tong Hok-tung, Mr. Taylor assured Mr. Shewan that the security was far more than ample for the loan. In fact he stated it was worth something like \$1,000,000.

Subsequent to the dismissal of Mr. Taylor, investigation was made, and it was discovered that although the title deeds had been deposited, no mortgage had been

put through. The title deeds were sent to the company's solicitors, who advised that they were not in order in as much as probate duty had not been paid in respect of the property the subject thereof, and we at once communicated with Tong Hok-tung. We have been quite recently (and not two months ago) advised that it is doubtful whether Tong Hok-tung had any right to pledge the securities in question.

Loans on Shares: With regard to the loans made to Messrs. Lammert Bros., the amount outstanding on December 31, 1924, including principal and interest at 10 per cent, was \$387,658.23 against which we held securities valued at that date according to Mr. Hardman's report of \$466,604.50, which is a margin of over 20 per cent., which was subsequently reduced to between 14 and 15 per cent, by the return of certain securities against a cash payment made by Messrs. Lammert.

Two further loans were made to Messrs. Lammert Bros., bearing interest at 10 per cent, viz., \$21,000 on May 26, 1925, and \$36,000 on June 4, 1925, against which we held securities valued at that date at \$60,000.

As regards the loans to Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., we believe that we shall be able to satisfy the committee that they were amply secured at the time they were made, and will be fully repaid.

As regards both the loans to Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., and Messrs. Lammert Bros., these loans would still be amply secured but for last year's unprecedented financial crisis.

With regard to the company's practice in making loans generally, it is well known throughout this Colony, that the company has for many years past advanced moneys against shares and for the purpose of successfully competing with Chinese banks and others who were conducting a money lending business. Advances had frequently to be made on attractive terms.

The interest on loans is treated in the same way as it has always been treated, viz., by charging compound interest with periodical rests and the shareholders have had the benefit of the system in the past.

The late manager certified to what debts were considered good, and when these were passed by the auditors, the general managers felt satisfied with the position.

The company have always advanced money on pro rata notes to private persons to a moderate extent.

General: — Shareholders will appreciate that the excellent godown business referred to by Mr. Weall is representative of the work of your general managers in the past, likewise the acquisition of the valuable properties at West Point, and the general managers agree with the consulting committee that given ordinary and usual commercial conditions, there is no reason why there should not be a speedy recovery of the company's financial position.

In conclusion, gentlemen, you will fully appreciate the extraordinary difficult period through which the company has recently had to pass—a period altogether without precedent in the Colony's annals, and one by which not only this company but every other commercial concern in this Colony has been seriously affected. Your general managers have no doubt whatever that a return to normal commercial conditions will bring with it a speedy recovery of the finances of the company, and I have no hesitation in attributing the present financial position of the company to the recent financial crisis and resultant commercial conditions.

THE RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Shewan proposed the first resolution, as follows:—

(a) That the Company confirms the measures already taken by the Consulting Committee with reference to the investigations made by them into the financial position of the Company and authorises payment by the Company of auditors' and legal expenses incurred to date in connection therewith.

To second, Mr. L. Dunbar said:—

I have listened to Mr. Weall's speech with interest. I have looked through the statement of the consulting committee's auditors and I do not think that he has exaggerated the losses which the company has suffered.

It will be the duty of the shareholders' representatives to place the blame of these losses where it belongs, and to make whatever recovery is possible.

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MR. DA ROZA'S SPEECH.

Mr. C. A. da Roza then spoke, his address meeting with applause now and then. He said:—

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, Like Mr. Dunbar and every person at this meeting, I am sure, I have listened with great interest to the speech made by Mr. Weall and also to Mr. Shewan's speech as to the charge made against the general managers, but I confess I would have liked to have heard a little more.

This business of locking the stable door after the disappearance of a horse is very commendable for we have, fortunately, other valuable horses in the stable, but I see from the speech of Mr. Weall that we are asked to set up a body to sit in judgment only on one person. That I regret to say is impossible inasmuch as the consulting committee as a body is as much to blame as the general managers for this disastrous state of affairs.

Mr. J. M. Alves seconded the amendment. Mr. Wong then volunteered to interpret the amendment for the benefit of Chinese shareholders who did not understand English and was requested to do so.

On being put to the meeting, the amended resolution was carried unanimously (applause). Mr. Weall also voted for the amendment.

Mr. Shewan proposed resolution (c), and Mr. Weall seconded, as follows:—

(c) That the Consulting Committee be authorised to employ auditors, lawyers, architects and any other experts and advisers in connection with such further investigations of the Company's financial affairs and that the costs and expenses incurred thereby be borne and paid by the Company.

Mr. W. J. Hawker proposed, and Mr. N. V. H. Croucher seconded, an amendment which made the resolution read:—

(c) That such Committee of Investigation be authorised to employ auditors, lawyers, architects and any other experts and advisers in connection with such further investigations of the Company's financial affairs and that the costs and expenses incurred thereby be borne and paid by the Company.

This amended resolution was also carried unanimously.

Mr. Shewan proposed, and Mr. Weall seconded, resolution (d) as follows:—

(d) That a qualified accountant be employed by the Company to assist and advise the present staff of the Company.

This was also carried unanimously.

Mr. Croucher's Questions.

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Mr. W. J. Carroll proposed Mr. C. A. da Roza.

Mr. Wong proposed Mr. N. V. H. Croucher; and Mr. A. Alves proposed Mr. J. M. Alves.

All six names were seconded by Mr. T. G. Weall, and approved unanimously.

Resolution (a) was then carried.

Mr. T. G. Weall, then proposed resolution (b), and Mr. W. J. Carroll seconded, as follows:—

(b) That three shareholders to be nominated at this present meeting be appointed to act with the Consulting Committee in

completing the investigations of the Company's financial affairs and to report to the shareholders the result of such investigations when completed.

Mr. C. A. da Roza proposed an amendment which made the resolution read:—

(b) That six shareholders to be nominated at this present meeting be appointed to act with the Consulting Committee as a Committee of Investigation, in completing the investigations of the Company's financial affairs and to report to the shareholders the result of such investigations when completed.

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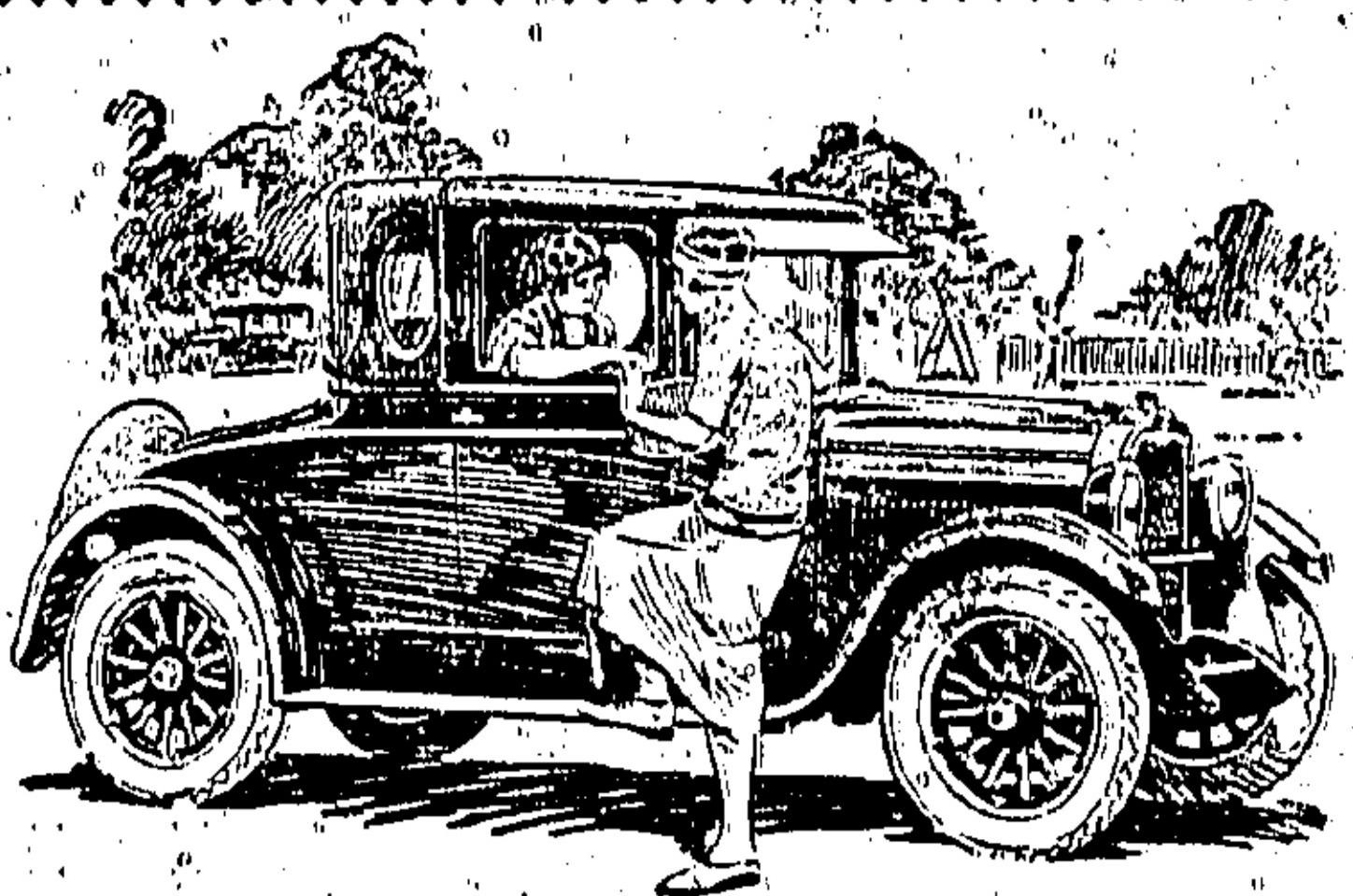
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LOCAL AND GENERAL

The committee of the Hongkong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce meets to-morrow at 2.30 p.m.

The annual meeting of shareholders of Messrs. Gandy, Price & Co. will be held in the company's office on Friday, April 16.

The Singapore Branch of the Royal Society of St. George are holding their first festival dinner and dance at the Empire Hotel on St. George's Day, Friday, April 21.

There has been an increased demand for Singapore currency and the note issue has expanded from \$85,500,000 on 1st January, 1925 to \$163,000,000 on 1st January 1926.

The new General Hospital at Sepoy Lines, Singapore, was formally opened by H.E. the Governor (Sir Laurence Guilford) on March 29 in the presence of a large and representative gathering.

A national census disclosed that there are 17 imperial families in Japan with a total of 65 members. Of these 34 are princes and 31 princesses. These figures do not include four members of the royal family who were abroad.

A monument to Col. Henry B. Metcalf, who first raised the American flag on Philippine soil, has been offered to the city of Manila for erection on the site of the first landing of the American army.

"The Englishman" understands that an interesting discovery has been made by Sir Jagadis Bose on the action of cobra venom on the heartbeats of plants which casts a flood of light on the action of the venom on the animal heart.

Mr. San Ah Wing's tender for nearly \$200,000. for the purchase of Budi Choi estate situated at Sungai Choa, Ulu Selangor, belonging to the Estate of Lake Yew, has been accepted. The price works out at \$825 per acre of eight to nine year old trees, and \$25 per acre for the unplaned areas.

At the annual general meeting of the Singapore Chamber of Commerce Rubber Association, the following were duly elected to act on the Committee of the Association for the ensuing year:—R. J. Abbott, A. T. Hancock, F. A. Teale, G. M. Brown, K. Bon, E. G. H. Charlwood, G. R. Anderson, E. A. Gibson, W. T. Houghton, A. P. Cameron.

The "Samatra Maru," a Japanese steamer bound for Singapore, had to put into Cochinchina on March 23, as some of her holds where the cargo was stored were on fire.

Mr. N. L. Lindor of the S.S. Police and Mr. W. L. Kirlich of the Central Engine Works, Singapore, have been authorised to file specification of an invention for "triple wings."

Probably the largest gathering that has ever watched a game of cricket in Ceylon was seen on the C.C.C. ground on March 24, when the match between the Australian Test team and an All-Ceylon eleven began.

An extensive road building program for Cullinan colony involving expenditure of £78,000 has been recommended by Dr. Suffield Chiyute, Cullinan Mayor, chief through the director of the P. I. pine health service.

The Spender Efficiency Cup, presented by Col. Spencer, the former Commandant of the S.S. Volunteer Force, to the most efficient unit of the force has been awarded for 1925 to the Singapore Royal Engineers unit.

At a meeting of the Klang Sanitary Board, held on February 10, the unofficial members wished their opinion to be recorded that it is practically a waste of their time to attend meetings at which resolutions are passed to carry out works which cannot be carried out for want of staff.

Some papers contain a report of a burglary at "The Beeches," Klang, the residence of Captain and Mrs. H. A. Vine. Mrs. Vine was formerly the wife of the late Dr. G. P. Jordan, of Hongkong, and her present husband was formerly a Captain in the P. & O. service, for some years in command of the s.s. "Maedonia." Jewellery was stolen to the value of £3,000.

For having unlawfully in his possession a three-cornered dagger, coils of wire and a rope, a Chinese was sentenced to three years' hard labour at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. Another Chinese was sentenced to four years' imprisonment with hard labour for possession of a revolver and eleven rounds of ammunition. Both of the defendants were arrested by the police in a tea house.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss H. Youle, Matron, Durian Daun Hospital, Malacca, will shortly be going on long leave.

Mr. E. Cock of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. is shortly going on Home leave.

The Duke of York recently paid a visit to Pentonville prison and made a thorough inspection of the place.

It is rumoured that the Prince of Wales may visit Egypt next year. The Prince has a keen desire to go to the Nile country.

It is said that the King and Queen of Spain contemplate a visit to South America, making the journey by aeroplane.

Mr. Winston Churchill figured in a student's rag at Belfast wearing a "Paddy" hat trimmed with green ribbon, with a clay pipe stuck in it.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Victor Bazi Russellakoff, surveyor of the Netherlands Harbour Works, to Miss A. B. Sokoloff, also of the Netherlands Harbour Works.

Mr. O. H. Grove, formerly District Officer, Kuala Pilah, will become Collector of Land Revenue, Seremban, when Mr. E. B. Williams, who is now holding that post, goes on leave shortly.

In a few days Rear-Admiral and Mrs. Thomsen are leaving Siam for good, and Bangkok is sorry to lose them, says the "Bangkok Times." In retiring the Admiral has the satisfaction of having done useful work in the Navy during his 14 years in that service.

It may be taken for granted that the honourable Mr. Ralph Scott will go to Penang as Resident-Councillor when the honourable Mr. W. Peel goes to Kuala Lumpur as Chief Secretary in May. Mr. Scott is an old Penangite, and counts many friends there who will be glad to welcome him and Mrs. Scott back to that Settlement.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. K. Stark of Singapore, left for Home last week.

Mr. C. D. Aherne, Deputy Controller of Labour, Penang, proceeded Home on furlough, with Mrs. Aherne, by the P. and O. "Khiya."

The Rt. Hon'ble Viscount and Lady Lee of Fareham, during their stay in Ceylon, were the guests of H. E. the Governor and Lady Clifford.

The Viceroy and Lady Reading were entertained to a farewell at "home" by the Chelmsford Club, Delhi, on March 23, in the grounds of the historic Metcalfe House.

General Sir Alexander Cobbe, V.C., has been appointed General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command, India, in succession to General Sir Claud Jacob.

Mr. Patrick Hadley, the well-known rubber company director, was a passenger from Singapore, Homeward bound, by the "Khiya." He will break his journey for a few days in Ceylon.

The engagement is announced of Miss Ruby Campbell, eldest daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. John Campbell to Mr. E. L. Fonseca, of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., Penang.

Mrs. E. E. Wing, Miss H. P. Wing and Mrs. P. A. Templeton are sailing together for Europe on the "Derflinger." They leave Manila on April 7 and will make a round the world journey.

The Mexican General Angel Flores died of pneumonia at Nogales, Arizona, on March 31. He was a candidate for the Mexican presidency in 1924. He has been recently living in exile.

Mr. William Arthur Millar of Harrisons and Crosfield was married to Miss Katherine Alice Gray Caldwell, "Nursing Sister," of Jesselton at All Saints' Church, Jesselton on March 10. The Rev. Mr. Synott officiated.

A pair of silver Queen Anne snuffers and stand realised £123 12s. at Messrs. Christie's.

The income and expenditure for the year of the Singapore Golf Club shows a surplus of \$10,972.44, as against \$1,714.61 in the previous year.

A proposal at Leeds Education Committee to increase the salaries of four headmasters, the lowest of whose salaries is £655, was referred back.

Quoting from Proverbs, Judge Cluer, at Whitechapel County Court reminded a Hebrew teacher—sued as guarantor by a money-lender—that he who is security for a friend shall smart for it.

Providing his example is followed by others, Mr. A. E. Bell, a master at Eton, is willing to give one-tenth of his salary towards a fund for acquiring slum property in Eton. This offer was made at a public meeting when a unanimous resolution was carried for the council to proceed with a housing scheme.

Of the typewriters in use in Government offices approximately 23,700 are of foreign manufacture. Nearly all were purchased during the war, when no satisfactory British machine was available. Since then requirements have been met almost entirely from surplus, and will continue to be so met for the next few years.

Dr. Millar, applying to the trustees of Hull Charterhouse for an increase of salary, said old people required a great deal of medicine. The only way he could economise was by excluding certain ingredients from the medicines used to make them palatable. The trustees decided against this economy, and granted a salary increase on condition that palatable medicines must be provided.

After the funeral of M. Isidore Garot, of Lotbury, in Brittany, his children searched in vain for the money it was known he had saved up. It must, they thought, have been somehow buried with him. They obtained an exhumation order. Now the exhumation has taken place, and the money has been found in the folds of a coat which Old Father Garot had asked to be wrapped round his body. It counted 4,650 francs.

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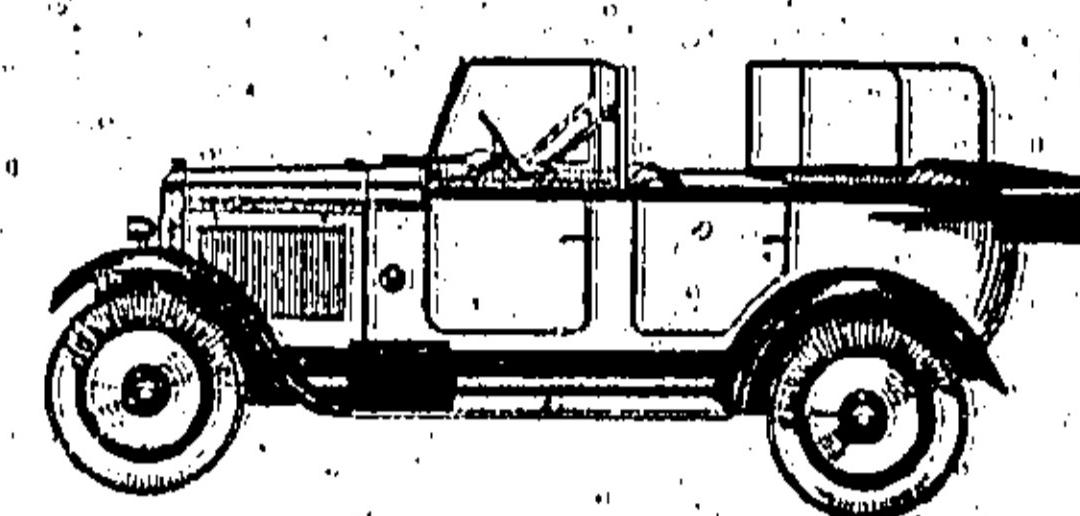
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THE CHINA MAIL.

"CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE**SPORT A BUSINESS?**

SACRED HOLIDAYS AND SUNDAYS.

"PROFIT" IN RACING.

A correspondent of the "China Mail," writing on steeplechases, said:

There are no large money prizes to be gained to pay stable bills, . . . the ponies are run purely in the interest of the public and their sporting and hunting owners.

Previously the question of sport on Sundays had been mentioned in point.

"A Racing Enthusiast" says in the "Shanghai Sunday Times":

"Now that the racing season is in full swing the race-going public are again taking great interest in all matters pertaining thereto. Some people have been writing to the papers in regard to the question of racing at Kiangwan on Good Friday and appear thoroughly to disapprove of it, but as a contemporary has pointed out the club at Kiangwan is not a European club so that the case is not the same as if it were at the Shanghai course. Another writer has questioned the propriety of foreign jockeys riding on that day. I would ask why this gentleman does not write to request all golf clubs to refuse to allow play on Good Friday or on Sundays. Is the sport of riding in races in a different category from any other sport?"

In an article which appeared in a contemporary statement was made which can hardly be allowed to pass without comment, for it is misleading and moreover detrimental to the sport. The remark referred to is that racing is "largely a money-making business." I should like to know who makes money racing. The clubs do, but who else?

Public Or Owner.

The public may see some first class pony racing, large amounts in stakes and may say that the pony is making a good thing for its fortunate owner, but the public does not stop to think that that same owner has probably had many other ponies which have been bad to start, or worse still, have started and never been noticed, so that the good one is merely paying for the innumerable failures. So much for the owner.

Now the race-going public—do they make money? The clubs deduct ten per cent of all money laid out, so that it is an incontestable fact that the public lose ten per cent of their outlay. They are content to do so, for all forms of sport cost something and they willingly pay for their amusement.

Thrills Not Profit.

A great portion of the people back a pony more for the thrill of seeing their pony win than for the possible gain that they may get.

We're money the chief consideration one would find the greater enthusiasm displayed when some outstanding pony such as Warrenfield wins, for being such a raging favourite the great proportion of the public has gained small sum, but instead the enthusiasm is shown when some more or less outsider has won by a narrow margin after a real, hard fought race. This proves that a good close finish with ponies and jockeys doing their utmost to win is the race that gives the greatest pleasure to the public, in spite of the fact that the majority have lost money. Where, then, is racing "largely a money making business."

No, the only real winner is the club and what do they do with their surplus after paying expenses? They give it to charities which would otherwise be deprived of some very substantial contributions.

It would, therefore, appear that racing provides a healthy exercise for those who ride, an interesting hobby for those who own, an outdoor (and therefore healthy) pastime for race-goers, and by providing contributions to charities, is a help to those in need.

VOLUNTEER CRICKET.

The following will represent the Volunteers against Mr. A. A. Rumjahn's XI at 11 a.m. at the University ground this Sunday (bus leaves H.K.C.C. pavilion at 10.45 a.m. sharp).—E. J. R. Mitchell (capt.), H. V. Parker, J. C. Lyle, A. W. Ramsay, E. C. Fincher, H. C. Burgess, F. E. Lawrence, S. Jex, C. D. Wales, H. E. Standage and G. R. Vallack.

HOME FOOTBALL.

BOLTON WANDERERS BEAT SUNDERLAND.

FIRST LEAGUE MATCH.

(Reuters' Service.)

London, April 7.
In the First Division of the English League Bolton Wanderers, playing at Bolton, defeated Sunderland by three goals to two.

REVISED TABLE.

Goals	Team	P. W.	D.	E. F.	A. Pts
Huddersfield	38	21	11	6	84
Arsenal	37	20	7	10	78
Sunderland	39	19	6	14	98
Aston Villa	38	15	11	12	78
Bury	37	17	6	14	75
Sheffield U.	37	16	7	14	87
Bolton W.	35	15	8	13	69
Everton	39	18	11	6	69
Leicester	40	14	10	16	73
Liverpool	38	12	13	6	58
Tottenham	38	14	9	15	61
Cardiff City	37	15	6	16	54
Blackburn	39	13	10	16	76
Manch. U.	35	15	6	14	52
Newcastle U.	37	13	10	14	71
W. Bromwich	34	8	16	72	71
West Ham	38	14	7	12	61
Birmingham	37	14	7	16	62
Leeds U.	38	13	7	18	59
Notts County	38	12	7	19	47
Burnley	37	10	9	18	69
W. Chester C.	38	9	11	18	78

Soccer Match.

SOUTH CHINA DEFEATS PORTUGAL.

"INTERPORT" FESTIVAL.

By their superior combination, South China merited their victory (by the odd goal in three) on the Club ground yesterday, in their match against the combined Portuguese (Hongkong and Shanghai interport) team.

Happy Valley was crowded for this match, the majority of spectators being Chinese. The teams were:

Portugal: — Allanson; H. Pavachio, Ogley; C. Remedios, A. A. Remedios, C. Pavachio; B. Faviacho, Fuertes, Marcel, Rocha, Brown.

South China: — Lau Hing-cheung; Lau Yuk-tat, Chan So; Lo Wai-man, Lam Yuk-ying, Choi Ping-fan; Ko Sik-wai, Ip Kau, Leung Wing-tak, Suen Kum-shun, Chun Kwong-jin.

With the Portuguese forwards not in form, Lam Yuk-ying had a field day in the pivotal position.

Shortly before the breather, South China scored twice. Chan Kwong-jin passed to Suen who got the first and Suen gave to Leung Wing-tak who found the mark (for the second) with his left foot.

After the interval, Fuertes breached in for the combined team's solitary point. The Portuguese changed their team about for the second half. Ogley being prominent in a number of raids on Chinese territory.

Best Team.

For the match v. the Rest of the Colony, the best Portuguese team chosen (with Gosano a casualty) for to-morrow is:

Allanson (S); H. Favacho (S), P. M. Xavier (H); H. Colaco (S), A. A. Remedios (H), C. F. Remedios (H); A. Fuertes (H), R. Favacho (S), L. Marcel (S), L. Rocha (H); A. Gutierrez (H).

HOLIDAY GOLF.

FANLING COMPETITION RESULTS.

The Royal Hongkong Golf Club competitions at Fanling during the Easter holidays resulted:

Special Medal Round: 33 entries. A. B. Raworth (84-11 = 73) won first prize. A. Leach (88-11 = 77) won second prize. F. J. de Rome (86-8 = 78) and W. L. Plew (91-13 = 78) were next.

Captain's Cup: 31 entries. A. B. Raworth qualifies with 85-11 = 74.

Running Bogey Pool: 74 entries. A. H. Ferguson (4), and G. B. Layton (14) divide pool with 2 up each. L. R. Andrews (8) returned 1 down twice; W. L. Plew (13) and A. Leach (11) each returned 2 down.

Mixed Bogey Foursomes: 10 pairs entered. Miss Dyer and Commander Thackerae won with a score of 4 down.

Shanghai Foursomes, cancelled.

SOCCER SHIELD FINAL.

The following teams has been selected to represent Kowloon F.C. v. Surreys in the (soccer) Shield Final on Saturday on the Hongkong F.C. ground.—Every Wheeler and/or Guest, Read, Turner, Caville, McKeever, Dunn, Sturz, Sims, Duncan Hayes and Reserves: Shibley and Millard.

ENTERPRISE WINS.

H.K.C. OPEN DOUBLES SURPRISE.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Because they were prone to hit hard at every opportunity—even when the game was going against them—and because they displayed the greater enterprise, the Finch brothers fully deserved their victory yesterday in the open doubles of the H.K.C.C. tennis tournament. In defeating that formidable Chinese pair, Ho Ka-lan and Yew Man-tsuan, the Finchers pulled the match out of the fire after being two sets down. While the elder (E.F.) smashed in deadly form at the net, he also poached a good deal but his younger brother always backed him up to such an extent that there never was a collision: E.C.'s first service was powerful—when it got over. The second was little more than a pat but the Chinese seldom tried to hit it back hard. As a result the Finchers were the aggressors in the latter stages.

In the fifth set, the winners led 5-1, but the score went to 5-5 before the Finchers ran out at 7-5.

Results follow:—

Open Singles (2nd round):—S. A. Rumjahn beat R. M. Henderson 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

Open Doubles (1st round):—E. F. Fincher and E. C. Fincher beat Ho Ka-lan and Yew Man-tsuan 4-6, 1-6, 6-4, 6-3, 7-5.

Club Singles (2nd round bye):—G. W. Sewell beat E. Grimble 6-4, 7-5, 6-3, 7-5.

Handicap Singles "A" (1st round):—Dr. D. J. Valentine (rec. 1/6) beat J. A. Summers (scr.) 6-2, 6-3.

(2nd round):—Col. C. Russell Brown (owe 15.3) beat H. J. Frazer (scr.) 10-8, 6-3.

Forster (owe 15) beat Major C. Willson (owe 2/6) 6-3, 6-2.

Handicap Singles "B" (2nd round):—E. J. R. Mitchell (owe 5/6) beat G. van Egmond (scr.) 11-9, 8-6.

Handicap Doubles (1st round):—L. Forster and Prof. R. E. Tottenham (owe 30) walk-over from S. M. Garrido and L. P. Ralph (scr.) (2nd round, bye):—T. J. and E. R. Price (rec. 2/6) v. W. A. Buys and V. Rose (rec. 4/6).

To-day's Fixtures.

Open Singles (2nd round):—J. A. Cassimbuoy v. E. C. Fincher.

Open Doubles (3rd round):—Major W. W. Pratt and Major W. E. Stevenson v. E. de Sousa and F. Rebeiro.

Handicap Singles "B" (1st round):—R. O. Sutherland (scr.) v. D. Hazel (Dundee Cup); W. M. Macintosh (Clyde Cup); Mr. Armstrong (scr.) 10-8, 6-3.

Frazer (Tyneside Cup). It was also decided to open a subscription list.

Mr. Wyllie, the retiring hon.

secretary, reviewed the work done in connection with the new pavilion.

The strike and boycott had come just after the project had been approved, said Mr. Wyllie, but plans were finally passed. He proposed that the club be formed into a limited liability company (seconded by Mr. D. Gow and carried unanimously), as it was a big club now.

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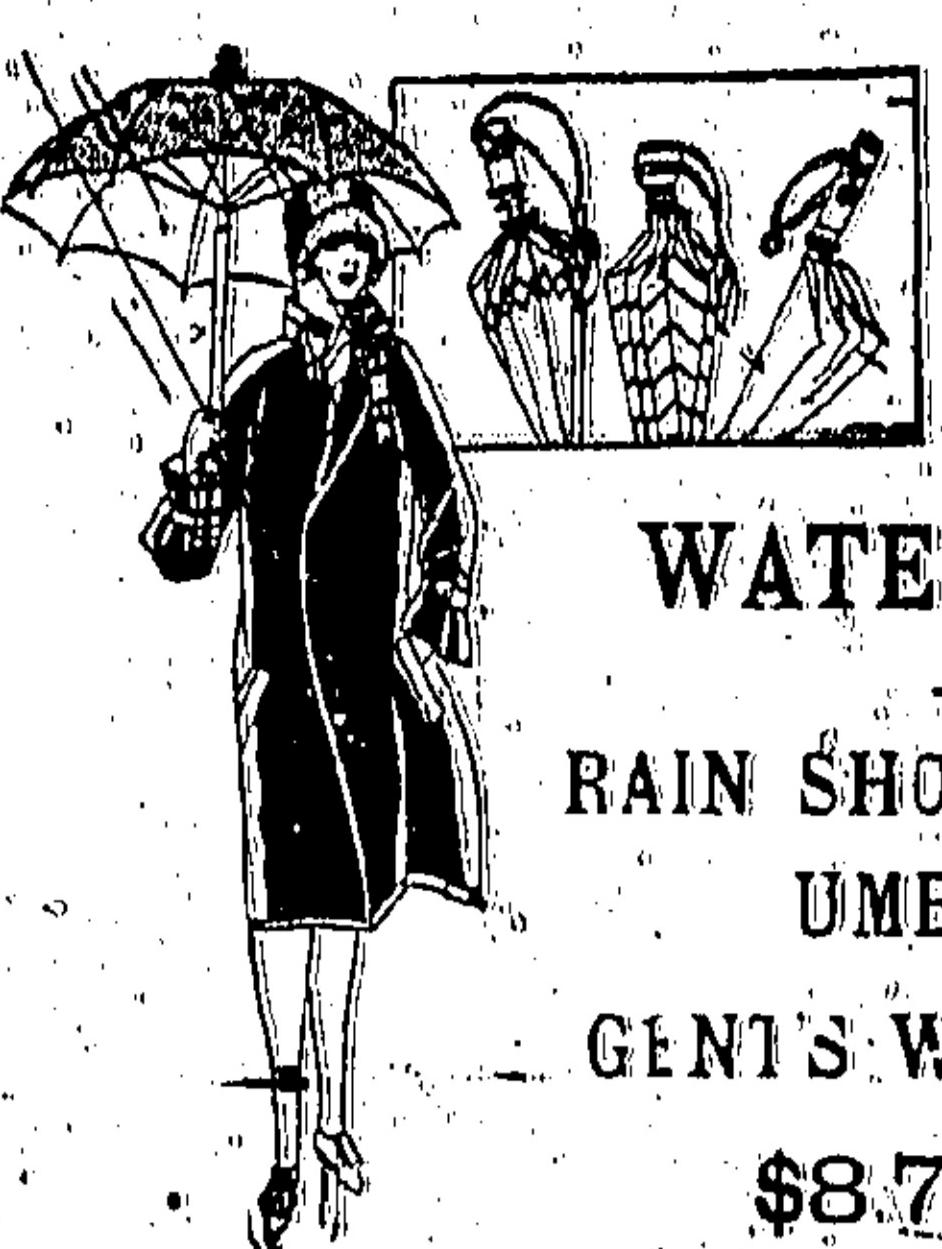
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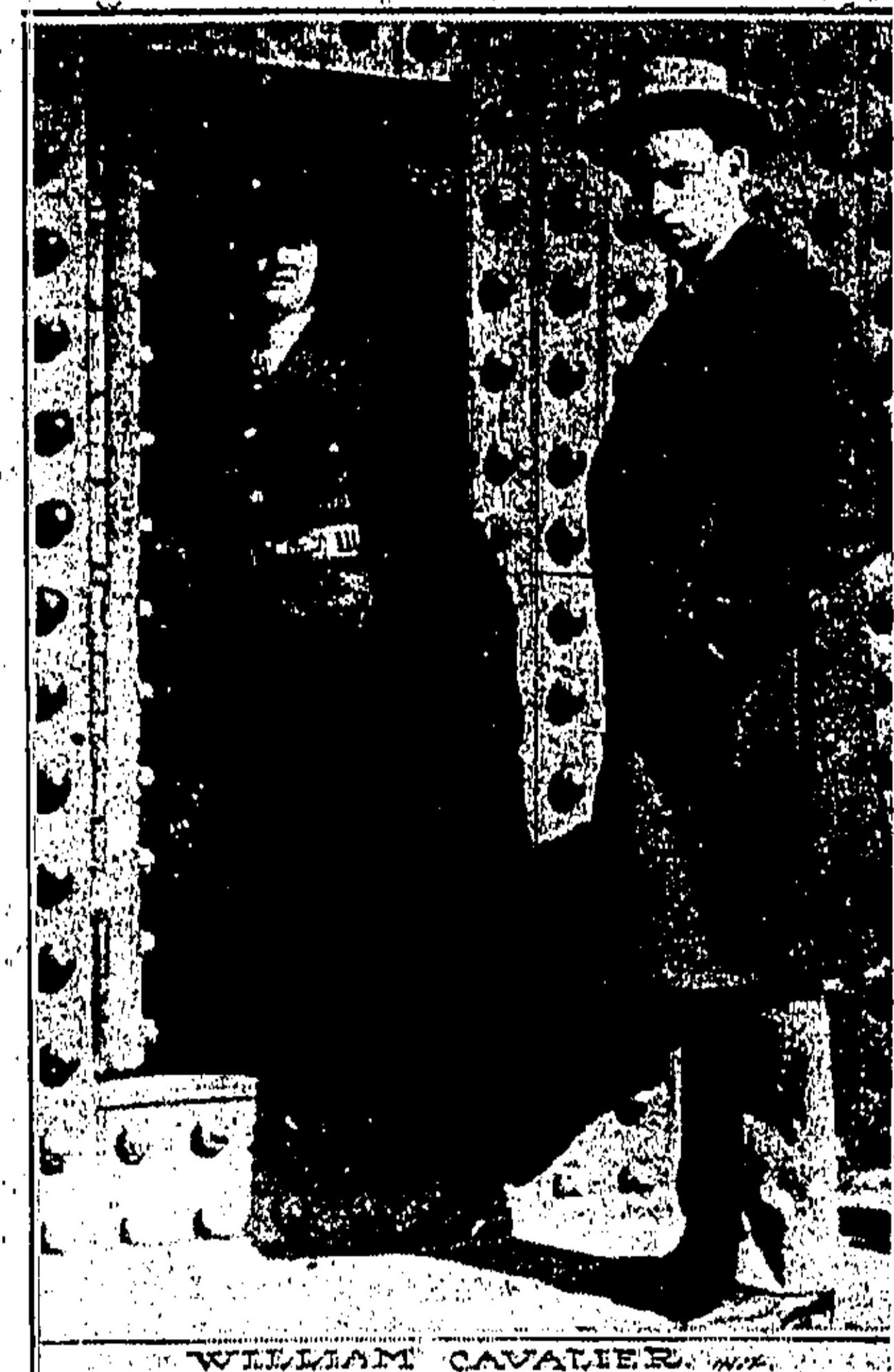
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People and Events in the News of the World



William Cavalier, 17, is shown entering Eastern Penitentiary, Philadelphia, where he will spend the rest of his life. His sentence to the electric chair for the murder of his grandmother was commuted to life imprisonment because of his age.



HARVEY HAVEN
Harvey Haven, New Comerstown, Ohio, was charged with having strangled his wife and thrown her body into a well because she refused to cook supper for him.



MAJOR FRANCIS MEREDITH

Dried mushrooms, with copper bullets containing a powerful explosive inserted in their stems, have been received from Russia by a Worcester, Mass., importer. A death plot is believed to have been discovered by the discovery. Major Francis Meredith, director of standards in the U.S. Department of Labour and Industries, is shown examining the deadly mushrooms.



MRS. ERNEST WHITMAN
One of the most interested spectators at the trial of Stanley Kivana at Mineola, L.I., charged with murder of Ernest L. Whitman, a bond salesman, in a bank robbery, was the salesman's widow. She wanted all the bandits to get the death penalty.



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For the first time since 1800 Niagara Falls was completely frozen over this winter, not a drop of water pouring over the huge cliff in the Niagara River.



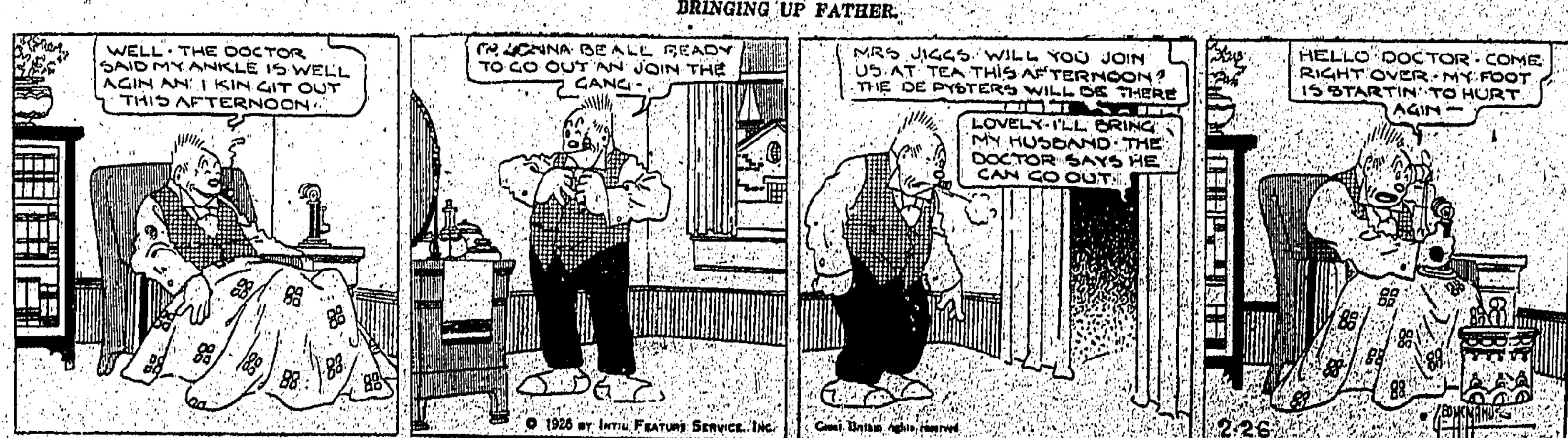
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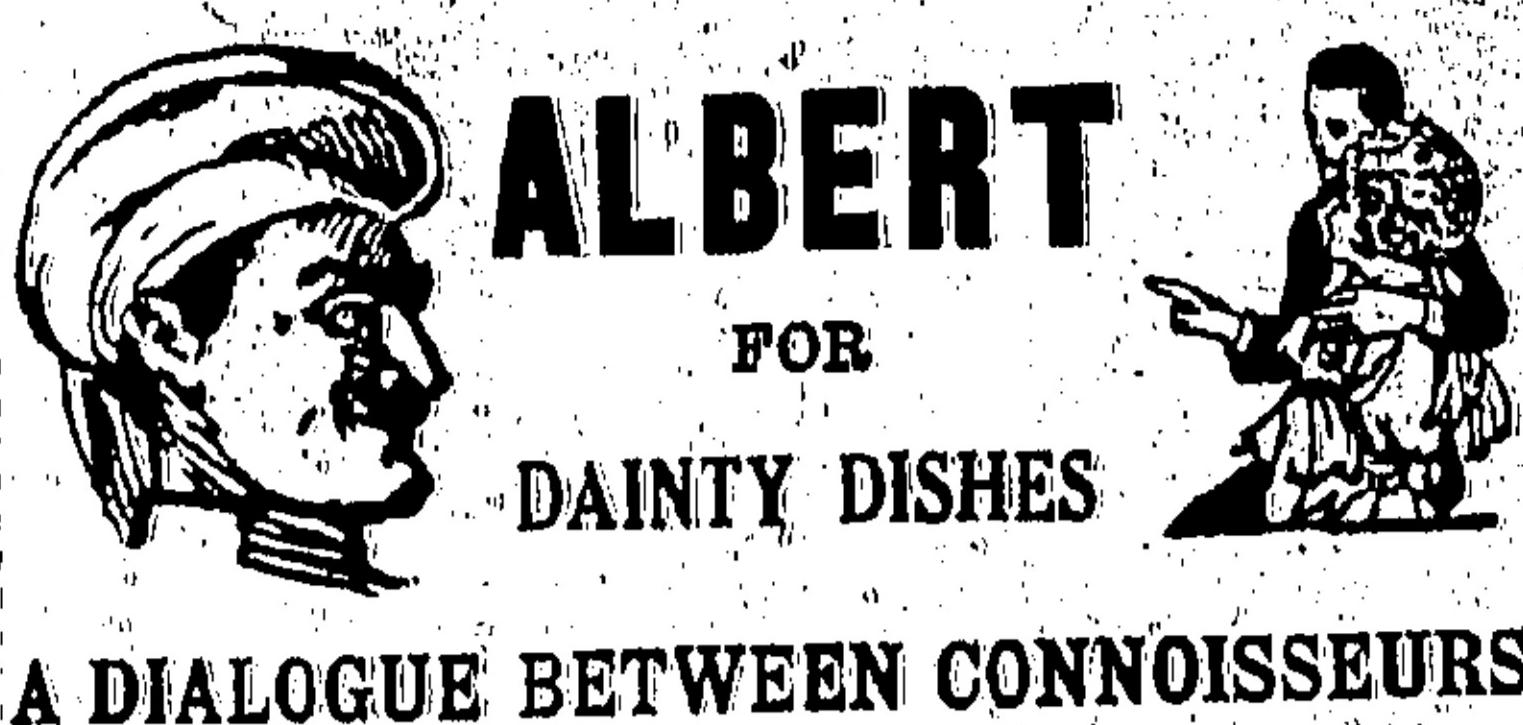
When he encountered a temperature of 79 degrees below zero at a height of 35,000 feet, Lieut. John A. MacReady, America's highest flier, abandoned an attempt to break the world's altitude record of 39,500 feet at Dayton, Ohio.



CAPT. GORDON CAMPBELL DR. HAROLD SVERDRUP

The Countess of Warwick has given her Essex estate of 1,000 acres to the Trade Union Congress as a site for a trade union college. Commander Morris J. Lenny, in command of Submarine S-50, testified that he was in communication with the S-61, sunk in collision with the "City of Rome," shortly before the fatal accident. Captain Gordon Campbell, V.C., youngest captain in the British Navy, has been given command of the great warship "Tiger." Dr. Harold Sverdrup, is scientific leader aboard the "Maud" on its seven years' expedition to reach the North Pole.



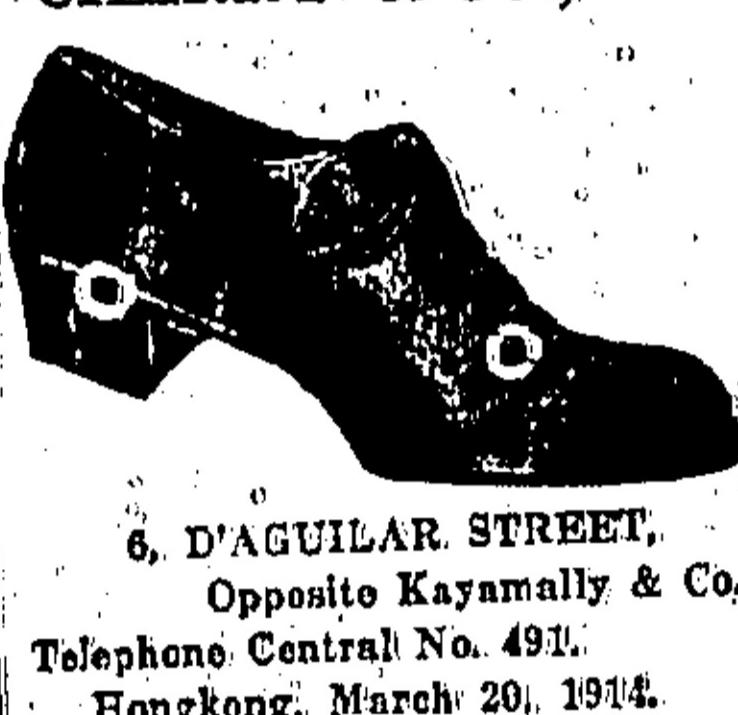


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CHANGE REPORTED IN THE SECRETARYSHIP.

Considerable interest was manifest in the International Settlement on April 1 when it became known that a change had taken place in the Secretaryship of the Shanghai Municipal Council.

Mr. E. S. Benbow-Roe, who has been the Council's Secretary for the past three years, two years of which he was Acting Secretary, became indisposed several days ago, necessitating his absence from office. On March 30, quite suddenly from the public point of view, Mr. S. M. Edwards, who has been Assistant Secretary since February, 1925, was instructed to take charge of all secretarial matters, and though at present the change is said to be temporary there is reason to believe that a permanent change in the Secretaryship is contemplated by the Shanghai Municipal Council.

Nothing official upon this important matter could be learned on April 1, says the "Mercury," and the reason for the change must, therefore, remain in darkness until such time as the Shanghai Municipal Council chooses to make an official statement. The fact remains, however, that Mr. S. M. Edwards at present occupies the Secretarial chair, having done so since April 1.

Mr. Edwards has not had a very long connection with the Municipal Council, having come to Shanghai but three years ago as Assistant to the Secretary. Since that time, he has had more than one promotion, having become Senior Assistant early in February last year.

If the present appointment proves to be a permanent one he is, therefore, to be congratulated upon such rapid advancement.

Mr. E. S. Benbow-Roe has been identified with the Secretariat of the Shanghai Municipal Council for a number of years, and last year was appointed Secretary. A good sportsman, he has been known as a popular member of the Race Club, and other sporting organisations in the city.

The most remarkable thing about Smith was his amazingly large mouth, which he always contorted into an all-pervading smile whenever he wished to make a good impression. His sweetheart persuaded him to "ask father," and he was determined at all costs to make a good impression.

"Mr. Jones," he began, with a smile in which his mouth took its usual prominent part, "I have come to ask permission to marry your daughter. I—"

"One moment!" interrupted the old gentleman, mildly. "Won't you mind closing your mouth for a moment till I see who you are?"

ALLEGED FRAUD.JAPANESE LAWYER
CHARGED.

Y. Norisugi, a Japanese lawyer practising chiefly among Chinese and Sikh clients, was brought before Judge A. Tajima on April 1 at the Japanese Consular Court, Shanghai, to answer charges of obtaining money by false pretences. The accused is alleged to have told a Sikh client, Indar Singh, to deposit \$130 at the Bank of Taiwan, stating that the money was wanted in pursuit of a case in Court in which this client was concerned. Soon after the accused client did so, the accused withdrew the money from the bank without the consent of his client, converting the same to his own use. Next, he is alleged to have approached one Y. Shimada, who was recently ordered by the local Japanese authorities to be deported to Japan as an habitual offender, and told him that if he would pay \$300 as expenses, the accused could make the authorities cancel the order and though the deported man complied with this request, nothing was done for him. The accused pleaded "not guilty."

Prosecutor Tajima, however, asked that accused be sentenced to eight months' imprisonment. The judgment will shortly be given.

FOR AUSTRALIA.BRITISH DELEGATES VISIT
IN SEPTEMBER.

Melbourne, March 11.—Forty-five members of the Federal Parliament attended a meeting of the Empire Parliamentary Association, at Parliament House, which announced that all the invitations issued to the United Kingdom and Dominions for a visit to Australia this year had been accepted. The British visitors will arrive in Sydney on September 18, and the visitors will tour the States, beginning from Queensland, and ending with West Australia. All will be guests of the Commonwealth and State Parliaments which will co-operate to make their visit a complete success.

The difference between theft and non-delivery of cargo came up for definition in an Appeal case last month. Of 89 cases in a shipment, six never arrived at their destination, eight arrived empty, and three short of contents. The underwriters settled for the last eleven cases, but required positive proof of theft as regards the missing six cases. It was shown that during shipment the goods had suffered delay whilst lying out in the open, and laughter from all parts of the House. Being overruled, he handed the toque back to Miss Wilkinson.

A judge was crossing to Ireland from Holyhead one stormy night when he knocked against a lawyer suffering severely from sea-sickness. "Can I do anything for you?" inquired the judge. "Yes," gasped the sufferer. "Will your lordship overrule this motion?"

NOT WANTED.IVANOFF DENOUNCED IN
SHANGHAI.

M. Ivanoff, Manager of the Chinese Eastern Railway and his suite arrived in Shanghai from Dairen on March 30 aboard the D.K.R. s.s. "Dairen Maru." Upon receipt of the information regarding his coming, the local Chinese organisations, including the Alt-Kiangsu Guild, National Diplomatic Support Association and so forth held an urgent meeting on March 30, when Wang Hsing-wu, representative of the Chinese Merchants' Federation, delivered a speech denouncing M. Ivanoff and stating that he has doubtlessly brought to Shanghai important missions from Soviet Government, one of which will most probably be the Red propaganda in this locality. At the meeting, they passed the following resolutions:

(1) That the authorities shall refuse his entry into the Settlement, or some restriction be put upon his movement.

(2) The Anti-Bolshevik Organisation in Shanghai shall jointly check his action in this locality.

(3) That a circular telegram be sent to the military authorities of the districts which are to be passed by Ivanoff requesting that they keep a vigilant watch on his behaviour.

(4) That a telegram be sent to the Peking Government requesting them to make a claim for the damage done through the suspension of the railway service on the side of the Russian management.

Commons Hat Comedy.

An old Parliamentary joke appeared in an entirely novel form in the House of Commons one night. Mr. Buchanan, one of the Clydeside Socialist M.P.s, was anxious after a division had been called to raise a point of order. At such a time it is only permissible for a member to do so if he is wearing a hat. Mr. Buchanan was at a loss; he had no hat, but Miss Elen Wilkinson, the Socialist member for Middlesbrough, came to his assistance. Taking a black toque off her head she handed it to Mr. Buchanan, who put it on his head. By thus conforming to the letter of the rules he was able to raise his point of order, amid roars of laughter from all parts of the House. Being overruled, he handed the toque back to Miss Wilkinson.

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Japan	Tjikandi	THURSDAY, APRIL 8.
Shanghai	Sintiang	FRIDAY, APRIL 9.
Manila	Pres. Jackson	
Manila	Pres. Cleveland	
Japan	Hakozaki Maru	
SATURDAY, APRIL 10.		
Canada, U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Australia	SUNDAY, APRIL 11.
EUROPE via Nagapatan (Letters and Papers London 11th Mar.)	Talabina	
MONDAY, APRIL 12.		
U.S.A. Honolulu Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Van Buren	TUESDAY, APRIL 13.
U.S.A. Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. McKinley	THURSDAY, APRIL 15.
Straits and Calcutta	Yungsang	
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Pierce	

OUTWARD MAIIS.

For	To	Date	Time
FRIDAY, APRIL 9.	Kohoku Maru	8.30 a.m.	
Hakozaki	Borneo	9.30 a.m.	
Shanghai	Lessang	10.30 a.m.	
Java, via Batavia	Tjikandi	4.30 p.m.	
Amoy	Kingyuan	5 p.m.	
Manila	Calou	5 p.m.	
SATURDAY, APRIL 10.			
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 5th May. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 8.30 a.m.	Hakozaki Maru		
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Honolulu	Borneo	9.30 p.m.	
Sunday, Amoy and Formosa	Mingang	9.30 a.m.	
Acay	Macau	Pres. Van Buren	5 p.m.
Manila	TUESDAY, APRIL 11.		
Hollow and Haiphong	Mingang	9.30 a.m.	
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C BOND,

Secretary

Hongkong, 8th April, 1926.

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F. OLIVER,

Hon. Secretary

R.H.K.Y.C.

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